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Mr. Ernest L. Sherman, Executive Director
Planning and Development Commission
State House Annex
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Sherman:

You have inquired as to whether your department may encourage the use of the official State emblem by newspapers and other in-state publications, as well as the use by individuals for the packaging of New Hampshire products. My answer is in the affirmative.

RSA 3:1, which describes the State emblem, states in part that it may be used on all printed or related material issued by the State or its subdivisions relative to the development of recreational, industrial, and agricultural resources of the State.

It is not my interpretation of this sentence that the legislature meant to exclude all other uses by this enumeration. It would have been a simple matter to include in the legislation such a restriction, and in the absence of such words, a more liberal construction will better serve the purposes for which the statute was enacted.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. Bean, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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